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Corps of Engineers to increase release rate from Canyon Dam

FORT WORTH, TX – The Fort Worth District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, plans to gradually increase the flood release rate from Canyon Dam beginning Thursday morning, Aug. 15, in hopes of reaching the maximum release rate of 5,000 cubic feet per second (cfs) by noon. Corps personnel will be stationed downstream along the Guadalupe River to monitor water levels and channel conditions as the rate of release is increased.

The release rate has been held at about 4,000 cfs since Sunday afternoon, Aug. 11, to allow additional scouring of the channel. The added scour and lowered downstream backwater benefits the operation of the outlet works as well as the homes downstream. No homes have been flooded because of the releases, which began early on Aug. 10.

Flood releases are necessary to regain flood control storage capacity at Canyon Lake. The flood gates have been continually inspected and are in good condition. Since the releases began, the lake has dropped from elevation 943.68 feet msl to elevation 941.88 feet msl as of 8 a.m. today. Currently, there is no flow going over the spillway.

Phillips and Jordan, Inc., the Corps' contractor for debris removal, worked two days this week to further open the river channel to handle the additional flow.